

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 82-48Introduced by Council President John W. Hardwicke at the request
of the Charter Review BoardLegislative Day No. 82-22 Date July 6, 1982

AN EMERGENCY ACT to propose an amendment to Article VI of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, titled, Personnel, by repealing and re-enacting Section 608 thereof, subtitled, Political Activities; to delete the provision against participation by County employees in a political party; to further provide that employees may participate in politics and retain all the rights and obligations of citizenship; and to further provide for the submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Harford County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland.

By the Council, July 6, 1982

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: August 3, 1982at: 6:00 P.M.By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place
of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the
Charter, a public hearing was held on August 3, 1982
and concluded on August 3, 1982.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Bracketu] indicate matter deleted from
existing law. Underlining indicates language
added to Bill by amendment. Language lined
through indicates matter stricken out of Bill
by amendment.

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1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford*
2 *County, Maryland*, that Article VI, Section 608 of the Charter of
3 Harford County, Maryland, titled, Personnel, subtitled, Political
4 Activities, be, and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with
5 amendments, all to read as follows:
6 Article VI. Personnel.
7 Section 608. Political Activities. [No employee in the classified
8 service shall be an officer of a political party or hold political
9 office during his employment. No employee, official, or person
10 shall solicit any assessments, contributions, or services, for
11 any political party from any employee in the classified service.
12 Nothing herein contained shall affect the right of the employee
13 to hold membership in, and support a political party, to vote as
14 he chooses, to express privately his opinions on all political
15 subjects and candidates, to maintain political neutrality, and to
16 attend political meetings. Any classified or exempt service
17 employee who wishes to seek, or accept appointment to, an elected
18 political office shall resign from County service upon indicating
19 such intention by formal declaration or by evidence of candidacy.
20 This latter provision shall not be applicable to elected officials
21 or to employees participating in non-partisan municipal elections.
22 PARTICIPATING IN POLITICS OR POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS AND THE FREE
23 EXPRESSION OF POLITICAL OPINIONS BY EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY SHALL
24 NOT BE PROHIBITED, AND EACH EMPLOYEE SHALL RETAIN ALL RIGHTS AND
25 OBLIGATIONS OF CITIZENSHIP PROVIDED IN THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS
26 OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND IN THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE
27 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, EXCEPT AS MAY BE PROVIDED BY LAW.
28 Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that before this Act
29 becomes effective, it shall first be submitted to a Referendum of
30 the legally qualified voters of Harford County in accordance with
31 Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, at the
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1 General Election to be held in November of 1982. There shall be
2 printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at this
3 election the title of this Act, and underneath the title, on
4 separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the
5 words, "For _____", and a corresponding square or box to the
6 right of and opposite the words, "Against _____", so that each
7 voter of the County may designate his or her decision for or
8 against the provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes
9 cast in the election are "For _____", the provisions of this Act
10 shall become effective from and after the thirtieth (30th) day
11 following the election, but if a majority of the votes cast in
12 the election are "Against _____", the provisions of this Act
13 shall be of no effect and null and void.

14 Section 3. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that subject to the
15 provisions of Section 2 herein and for the sole purpose of
16 providing for the Referendum therein required, this Act shall
17 take effect on the date it becomes law.

18 EFFECTIVE: Subject to the provisions of this Bill,
19 December 3, 1982

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21 **The Secretary of the Council does hereby**
22 **certify that fifteen (15) copies of this bill**
23 **are immediately available for distribution to**
24 **the public and the press.**

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Secretary

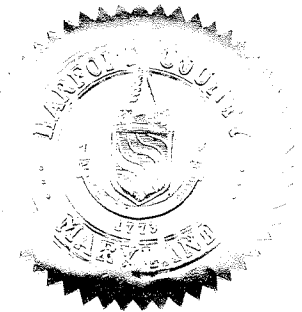
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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time, BILL NO. 82-48

Passed LSD 82-26 (August 3, 1982) ~~(with amendments)~~~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
XXXXXX of Passage

By order

Angela Markowski, SecretarySealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for his approval this 4th day of August, 1982
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.Angela Markowski, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Thomas Branger
County Executive
Date August 16, 1982

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 82-48), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on August 6, 1982, for the purpose of providing for Referendum therein required and subject to the provisions of Section 2 and Section 3 of the Bill.

Angela Markowski
Secretary of the CouncilThis Act, having been approved by a majority of the voters of Harford County, voting on the amendment (Question F) to the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, in General Election on November 2, 1982, stands effective December 3, 1982.Angela Markowski
Secretary of the CouncilRec'd & Recorded 1-11-1983 at 1:00 P.M.
H.D.C. 17-1-1982 per 82-48
J. Douglas, Clerk, Harford Co.